

A Report on



Fiscal Year 1998 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians

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INTRODUCTION

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its ninth year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 1998 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, just over 12 million dollars has been awarded to 280 Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 1998, a total of \$1,101,000 is being awarded to 27 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed four major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preservation planning, documentation of history and traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Grant applications and application guidelines were mailed in October 1997 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 4,000 individuals and organizations. In all, 137 proposals were received requesting approximately \$6 million.

Each application was evaluated by panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. the week of March 23, 1998. The panels were comprised of Federal employees from a variety of agencies and are listed below.

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well-designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will the project be carried out by qualified people?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

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| Tribe [State] | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| 'Ahahui 'Olelo Hawai'i [HI] | 50,000 |
| Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma [OK] | 50,000 |
| Central Council of Tlingit and Haida [AK] | 40,400 |
| Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians [OR] | 49,300 |
| Coquille [OR] | 30,100 |
| Fort Mojave [AZ] | 49,000 |
| Iowa of Kansas and Nebraska [KS] | 15,000 |
| Kaibab Band of Paiute [AZ] | 49,900 |
| Klawock [AK] | 46,200 |
| Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians [MI] | 8,075 |
| Native Village of Mekoryuk [AK] | 50,000 |
| Menominee [WI] | 20,000 |
| Modoc of Oklahoma [OK] | 46,700 |
| Nisqually [WA] | 50,000 |
| Oneida of Wisconsin [WI] | 5,000 |
| Pawnee [OK] | 50,000 |
| Pedro Bay Village [AK] | 36,400 |
| Port Gamble S'Klallam [WA] | 46,300 |
| Pueblo of Acoma [NM] | 50,000 |
| Qagan Tayagungin [AK] | 21,000 |
| Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas [WI] | 49,400 |
| Pueblo of Sandia [NM] | 42,600 |
| SEAICC [AK] | 12,000 |
| Aleut Community of St. Paul Island [AK] | 50,000 |
| St. Regis Mohawk-Akwesasne Museum [NY] | 50,000 |
| Tanana Chiefs Conference [AK] | 47,300 |
| White Mountain Apache [AZ] | 49,900 |
| Wyandotte [OK] | 42,600 |
| Zuni [NM] | 44,500 |
| Total | \$ 1,151,675 |

Project Descriptions

Alaska

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| Tribe: | Aleut Community of St. Paul Island |
| Project Title: | Planning for Funtier Bay, Alaska Historic Site Preservation, Protection, Restoration, and National Register Designation |
| Grant Award: | \$50,000.00 |
| Description: | Perform the initial planning to preserve and document the Funtier Bay Historic Site. Funtier Bay is the site of the Pribilof Aleut internment camp during World War II. The project will document elders' accounts of their internment experience, identify graves sites and cemeteries, and start to develop a preservation plan for the site. |
| Tribe: | Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indians |
| Project Title: | Southeast Alaska Native Place Names Project |
| Grant Award: | \$40,400.00 |
| Description: | Document native place names in Southeast Alaska. Indigenous place names are valuable linguistic artifacts containing a wealth of cultural and environmental information about Southeast Alaska lands and waters. This project will create a geographic atlas of the traditional place names for landscapes and features. |
| Tribe: | Klawock Cooperative Association |
| Project Title: | Klawock Henya Kwaan Tlingit Heritage Resources Survey Map |
| Grant Award: | \$46,200.00 |
| Description: | Locate, identify and document important traditional, historic, and archeological sites and place them on USGS quadrangle maps. This information will assist in land-use planning as well as be a valuable tool in cultural preservation. Elders will identify the traditional names for these important areas. |
| Tribe: | Native Village of Mekoryuk, Indian Reorganization Act Council |
| Project Title: | Nuniwarmuit Cultural Programs Planning Project |
| Grant Award: | \$50,000.00 |
| Description: | Establish a village based comprehensive cultural program. This project is an outgrowth of a 1994 NPS grant to identify traditional place names on Nunivak Island. The tribe wants a sustainable non-profit organization to coordinate cultural heritage preservation for the village. |
| Tribe: | Pedro Bay Village Council |
| Project Title: | Pedro Bay Traditional Sites and Uses Video Project |
| Grant Award: | \$36,400.00 |
| Description: | Produce two documentary videos about Pedro Bay village. The first video will deal primarily with the history of the village and sites connected with it; the second will be a collection of the oral histories, site visits, and other cultural information collected while producing the history video. |

Tribe: **Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council**
Project Title: **Aleut Life Stories: Something Of Yesterday For Tomorrow**
Grant Award: **\$21,000.00**
Description: Record oral histories of thirty Aleut elders from Eastern Aleutian villages. This project will document traditional Aleut stories and dance, the subsistence lifestyle of the Eastern Aleuts, the development of commercial fisheries, and the effect of World War II on the Aleut people.

Tribe: **Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center/Sitka Tribe of Alaska**
Project Title: **Documentary Video of Canoe Project**
Grant Award: **\$12,000.00**
Description: Document the carving of a 35-foot traditional Tlingit canoe and production of a 30-minute edited video. The video will include the actual carving of the canoe, archival photos of old canoes and ceremonies associated with launching canoes, interviews with elders about the canoeing tradition, and footage of the ceremony to launch the new canoe.

Tribe: **Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.**
Project Title: **Inventory of ANCSA Historic and Cemetery Site Records for Tribal-Based Historic Preservation Planning**
Grant Award: **\$47,300.00**
Description: Index and catalogue BIA inventory of approximately 485 traditional cultural properties within the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) region of central Alaska. This information will assist in the development of TCC's Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan for the 250,000 acres of Native Allotments and Townsite lots administered as federal trust lands in the TCC region.

Arizona

Tribe: **Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians**
Project Title: **Survey and Inventory of Cultural Resources on the Kaibab Indian Reservation**
Grant Award: **\$49,900.00**
Description: Survey high priority areas within the reservation to locate and record significant cultural resource sites including archeological, ethnographic, and historic resources. Identified sites will be placed within the tribe's Geographic Information System's (GIS) inventory data base. Tribal cultural resource staff and other community members will be trained in the technical methods used to identify, record, monitor, and protect these sites.

Tribe: **White Mountain Apache Tribe**
Project Title: **Western Apache Place Names Survey**
Grant Award: **\$49,900.00**
Description: Survey landscapes and land features that are associated with the Western Apache culture to develop an Apache place name atlas. Elders, cultural and language specialists will travel to these sites in order to document the traditional names and to record oral histories associated with the sites.

California

Tribe: **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe**
Project Title: **AHA MACAV Historic and Cultural Resource Preservation**
Grant Award: **\$49,000.00**
Description: Develop a unified tribal cultural committee to help the tribe create a sustainable Fort Mojave Cultural Program. The tribe will also work with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Northern Arizona University's Institute for Native Americans, and the Hualapai, White Mountain Apache, and Navajo tribes to obtain historic preservation education and training for cultural committee members.

Hawaii

Tribe: **'Ahahui Olelo Hawai'i**
Project Title: **South Kona Oral History Video Project**
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**
Description: Document the stories and cultural traditions of the elders from South Kona. Conduct master-apprentice sessions with the elders to transmit their cultural practices to the rest of the community. The video footage will be broadcast on public access television highlighting Native Hawaiian culture.

Kansas

Tribe: **Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska**
Project Title: **Documenting Oral Traditions**
Grant Award: **\$15,000.00**
Description: Conduct thirty oral interviews with tribal elders on audio and video tape. The tribe will interview thirty tribal elders about cultural traditions, historic landmarks, and tribal history. The interviews will be transcribed, indexed, and placed in archival storage to preserve this information for the future. A mobile exhibit of the elders and quotes from their interviews will be created and displayed at schools and social gatherings of the tribe.

New Mexico

Tribe: **Pueblo of Acoma**
Project Title: **Restoration of Acoma History and Preservation Project**
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**
Description: Research and identify early Acoma photographs, collect and duplicate photographs, slides, and negatives, and index and catalogue the collected materials. The tribe will purchase a computer, scanner, printer, as well as the necessary software to store and preserve the material on an automated data storage system—eventually creating a world wide web site for greater access to the indexed and catalogued images.

Tribe: **Pueblo of Sandia**
Project Title: **Pueblo of Sandia Plaza Restoration Study**
Grant Award: **\$42,600.00**
Description: Conduct an architectural survey of the Plaza area of the Pueblo of Sandia. Each building will be thoroughly documented through photos, measurements and architectural drawings. The exposed beams and vigas will be examined for rot or damage and the footings will be thoroughly studied.

Tribe: **Pueblo of Zuni**
Project Title: **Zuni Inventory of Significant Trails and Traditional Places**
Grant Award: **\$44,500.00**
Description: Collect information necessary to locate and map traditional trails and significant places within the community. Zuni elders will be interviewed and the information gathered will be recorded on maps, photographs, video and audio tapes, and stored in the Heritage and Historic Preservation Office.

New York

Tribe: **Akwesasne Cultural Center, Inc./Akwesasne Museum**
Project Title: **Akwesasne Museum Photographic Material Care and Management Project**
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**
Description: This grant will carry out some of the recommendations/conclusions contained in a 1997 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) performed on the Akwesasne Museum collection. A more detailed assessment of the photographic collection will be conducted to allow the museum to focus its conservation efforts. Basic cataloguing, labeling, and conservation measures will be performed on the photographic collection, and conservation equipment and supplies will be purchased to enable better management of the collection.

Oklahoma

Tribe: **Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma**
Project Title: **Caddo Tribe Historic Preservation Office Implementation Project**
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**
Description: Staff will be hired and trained in historic preservation theory, law, and practice. A tribal preservation handbook will be developed for the Caddo Historic Preservation Office and formal Memoranda of Agreement between the tribe and state, federal and other agencies will be drafted.

Tribe: **Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma**
Project Title: **Modoc Historical Archive Development Project**
Grant Award: **\$46,700.00**
Description: Develop a photographic educational tool to share the Modoc history between tribal members in Oklahoma and their relatives who were not removed from Southern Oregon. The tribe has identified 575 historic photographs of Modoc people and culture they will copy on to 35 mm. slides and into digital format to be shared by tribes, local community groups and schools. The tribe will develop slide programs and combine historic audio recordings of traditional songs with digital copies of the photographs to make compact disks to be used on computers.

Tribe: **Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**
Project Title: **Pawnee Tribal Facilities Rehabilitation Plans and Land-Use Project**
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**
Description: Conduct historical research on the tribe's 11 stone buildings that once served as a federal Indian agency and boarding school. Structural and overall condition assessments will be performed as well as other documentation necessary to complete a National Register nomination. Architectural and engineering drawings for the buildings' reuse will also be produced.

Oregon

Tribe: **Coquille Indian Tribe**
Project Title: **Coquille River Archeological Site Documentation and Assessment Project**
Grant Award: **\$30,100.00**
Description: Survey and inventory archeological sites on 35 miles of the Coquille River. Assess the sites and submit eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places. This project will be done in cooperation with the University of Oregon's Department of Anthropology and the Coos County Planning Department.

Tribe: **The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians**
Project Title: **Surveying, Assessing, Mapping, and Recording Important Historic Cultural Sites of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians**
Grant Award: **\$49,300.00**
Description: Locate, identify, assess and map historic and cultural sites found at the mouths of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw rivers. The tribes will inventory and assess current conditions of these sites and develop an ongoing site monitoring program. The tribe will utilize Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology to map the sites using data layers consistent with the U.S. Forest Service's database to effectively work together to manage the sites.

Washington

Tribe: **Nisqually Indian Tribe**
Project Title: **Nisqually Indian Tribe Historic Preservation Education Project**
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**
Description: Develop historic preservation training curriculum designed for tribal leaders, the Nisqually Historic Committee, and tribal cultural resource protection staff. This project will be conducted in conjunction with the Northwest Indian College, the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency, Evergreen State College's Longhouse Project, and the Washington State Governor's Office of Indian Affairs.

Tribe: **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe**
Project Title: **Capturing Traditions**
Grant Award: **\$46,300.00**
Description: Document the oral transmission of knowledge and skills during the carving and building of a Northwest Coastal longhouse. Tribal members will use video and audio tape and photographs to document carvers and community interaction during the planning, design, and carving of totems, and the building of the longhouse.

Wisconsin

Tribe: **Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin**
Project Title: **Menominee Indian Comprehensive Plan**
Grant Award: **\$20,000.00**
Description: Develop a comprehensive cultural resource management (CRM) plan and a tribal ordinance to provide enforcement for the CRM plan. The tribe will also develop a database of historic and cultural sites and information. The long-range goal is to establish a Tribal Historic Preservation Office to assume historic preservation responsibilities on the Reservation pursuant to Section 101(d) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Tribe: **Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin**
Project Title: **Preserving the History of Oneida Spoken to Written Language**
Grant Award: **\$5,000.00**
Description: Conduct and record an oral interview with Floyd Lounsbury relating his experiences with the 1939 Works Progress Administration (WPA) Oneida Language and Folklore Project. In 1939 Mr. Lounsbury documented 15 Oneida speakers through story telling in their native language. The WPA project of 1939 is a contributing factor to the Oneida still speaking their language today.

Tribe: **Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**
Project Title: **Red Cliff Band Historic Places Project**
Grant Award: **\$49,400.00**
Description: Identify and locate places of historic and cultural importance to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas. This information will be integrated into a Geographic Information System (GIS) to be used in planning development and protecting important cultural resources. Tribal members will be trained in site identification, historic research and GIS.